

Need to provide rail connectivity to Medaram village in Mulugu district, Telangana and interlink it with nearest railway junctions ? Laid

SHRI EATALA RAJENDER (MALKAJGIRI): I wish to raise the matter of urgent public importance that, the Sammakka Saralamma Jathara, held biennially in Medaram village, Mulugu district, Telangana, is Asia's largest tribal congregation, attracting over 1 crore pilgrims, predominantly from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Odisha. Despite its national significance and cultural prominence, Medaram lacks direct railway connectivity, compelling lakhs of tribal devotees to rely on overcrowded and costly road transport, often leading to severe logistical and safety challenges. A dedicated railway line connecting Medaram to the nearest railway junction such as Warangal, Sirpur-Khagaznagar, or Manuguru would provide safe, affordable access to tribal populations, reduce congestion on state transport networks, and boost eco-tourism and regional development in this forested belt, which includes attractions like Bogatha Waterfalls and Ramappa Temple. I urge the Ministry of Railways to undertake a feasible study for this railway line and initiate planning under pilgrimage connectivity, socially relevant infrastructure, or the PM GatiShakti framework, with convergence from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tourism. Such a step will honour tribal traditions, ensure equitable access, and reaffirm national commitment to inclusive development.